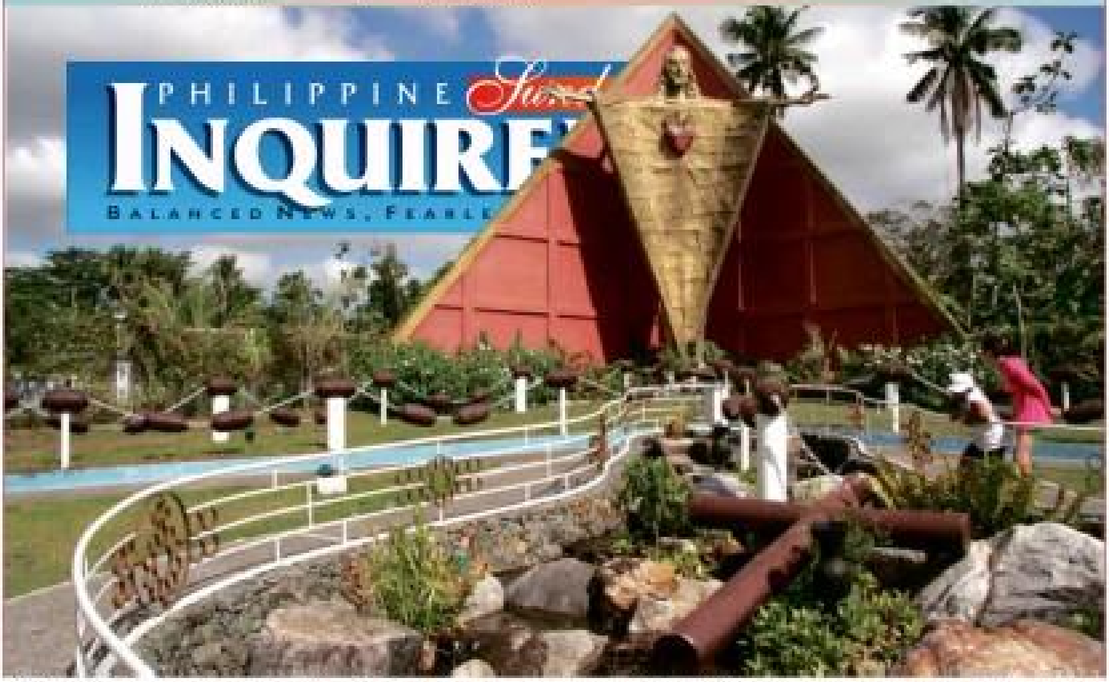
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PHILIPPINE Sunday INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



HOLY WEEK ATTRACTION The Christ the King Church in Tagum City in Davao del Norte has drawn many devotees during the Holy Week for its giant rosary. The devotees say their prayers at each rosary bead and before the crucified Christ and the icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Defections peril Lakas

Without campaign funds, party is finished, stalwart warns

By TJ Burgonio in Manila
and Edralyn Benedicto in Cebu City

TO AVERT A "HEMORRHAGE" IN THE RULING LAKAS-KAMPI-CMD, President Macapagal-Arroyo has swiftly replaced administration standard-bearer Gilbert "Gibo" Teodoro Jr. and two other resigned officials. But other officials say this may not stem the exodus of members desperate for funds.

Mayor Ramon Guico of Binalonan, Pangasinan, who is running for senator, yesterday said that with less than 40 days before the May 10 elections, other local officials had not received support from the party.

"That's the danger. If the party fails to give support, it's finished," Guico, president of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines and member of the Lakas-Kampi-CMD executive committee, said by phone. "That's the reason for the exodus of governors. That's the danger there."

Guico said he was puzzled why party funds had not trickled down to the local officials.

"They're claiming we're the strongest party. But why is this happening? I don't understand," he said.

Teodoro quit as party chair on March 30, purportedly to focus on his presidential campaign and, with the local campaign now in full swing, allow a full-time chair to deal with the needs of local officials.

The next day, Sarangani Gov. Miguel Dominguez and Francis Manglapus resigned as party president and secretary general, respectively, to give the new executive committee a free hand in choosing the new chair.

At an emergency

DEFECTIONS/A4

Interactive, modern Way of the Cross

By Miko Morelos

IT'S THE WAY OF THE CROSS minus the usual gruesome images of Christ's passion and death.

In this Via Crucis at an upscale Taguig City strip mall, each of the 14 stations of the cross features a symbol, a rephrasing of each station with inspirational quotes from the four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), authors Max Lucado and Sigmund Brouwer, and questions to ... [illegible]

INTERACTIVE/A8



It's also time for shamans to recharge

By Alex Pal
Inquirer Visayas

SIQUIJOR ISLAND—LIKE A DEVOUT disciple keeping a religious vow, Bienvenido Amora, 53, travels every year during Holy Week from Labason, Zamboanga del Norte, to the island of Siquijor. She brings enough clothes to last her a week or until Easter Sun-

IT'S ALSO/A15

Bishops see Easter joy as victory over evil

By Kristine L. Alave

IN MESSAGES TO MARK EASTER SUNday, leaders of the Catholic Church yesterday rallied the faithful to build and be hopeful for a better country in the face of various "forms of social evil."

Tandag Bishop Nereo Odchimar, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), said the resurrection of Jesus Christ should remind Filipinos that "however dark the horizon may seem, today we celebrate the radiant triumph of Easter joy."

Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales reminded Filipinos that the lesson of Christ's resurrection should lead to a "new life and a new encouraging service."

"The triumph of Jesus over sin and the evils that humans learned and still continue to do, and over death itself, means that after the resurrection, it can never be business as usual," Rosales said.

"The resurrection ... announced a new way of behaving, a new way of loving, a new way of serving and how we could all be bound by peace," he said.

Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, a former CBCP president, said Christ's rising from death and destruction should make Filipinos realize that change started within themselves.

BISHOPS/A18



EASTER SUNDAY VEILS In preparation for today's celebration of Easter Sunday, a worker installs white veils from the domed ceiling of the University of the Philippines chapel (Parish of the Holy Sacrifice) where the sculpture of the Risen Christ hangs from the center. The chapel is a national historical landmark and a cultural treasure.

REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

Bets learn to mention numbers

POLITICIANS AREN'T KNOWN to be obsessed with numbers the way athletes and sports fans are.

To any basketball fan, No. 23 will always be Michael Jordan, while No. 24 will never be any other Laker's number but Kobe Bryant's.

Among Filipino politicians, more specifically those running for the Senate, possibly the only number they are possibly obsessed with is 12. Will they make it to the "magic circle"?

The advent of the automated elections has changed all that. With the ballot so long and so many names of candidates on it, there is a fair chance even the most ardent supporters of a senatorial candidate—particularly those afflicted with poor eyesight—will miss his name at voting time.

This isn't lost on one of the country's most well-known senior citizens, who is also one of its most astute politicians.

BETS/A11

Capiz LP rift traced to Bolante

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
and Felipe V. Celino
Inquirer Visayas

ROXAS CITY—VICE PRESIDENTIAL candidate Sen. Manuel "Mar" Roxas II may be a consistent survey leader, but he faces a big fight right in his home province of Capiz.

The once monolithic and fiercely loyal Liberal Party (LP) machinery in Capiz has split—unprecedented in the province's political history—and stalwarts are leading a breakaway to coalesce with Jocelyn "Joc-joc" Bolante, the purported engineer of the P728-million fertilizer fund scam.

Bolante, the cofounder and vice chair of the Ugyon Kita

CAPIZ/A8

Second FRONTPAGE



CALVARY IN BATANES The lighthouse hill in Basco, Batanes turns into calvary on Good Friday during the Lenten Stations of the Cross.

3 bets still wooing Bro. Mike

Villar not yet a cinch for El Shaddai endorsement

By Philip C. Tubeza and Leila Salaverria

WHO WILL BE EL SHADDAI'S chosen one?

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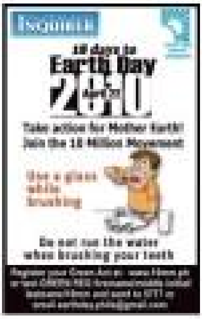
Numbers whiz kids gear up for int'l Math tilts

Math contests

The qualifiers

2 RP sailors still missing

By Cynthia D. Balana





New Comelec rules limit grounds for poll protests

Illegal proceedings

Speeding up results

RP asked to host Asian summit on climate change





Congratulations sa mga natulungang umahon ng Shell.

GRAND DRAW WINNERS

Prize	METRO MANILA	NORTH LUZON	SOUTH LUZON
Jeepney	Lorna Real, Caloocan City	Marlon Lagarta, Nueva Ecija	Jobert Francisco, Oriental Mindoro
Refrigerator	Mara Paz Lunaria, Quezon City	Allan Obra, Pangasinan	Fernando Amaroso, Cavite
	Mario Barredo, Las Piñas City	Aristotle Perez, Olongapo City	Melchor Binan, Taguig City
LCD TV	Mervin Ebetuer, Manila	Angelito Castor, Bulacan	Benito Ayran, Cavite
	Miguel Penis Jr., Makati City	Leslie Tulap, Bulacan	Romeo Peñamante Jr., Quezon
Washing Machine	Jeffrey Tumangul, Taguig City	Nhenette Estrada, Caloocan City	Eric Conzada, Cavite
	Rico Tenorio, Bulacan	Rodrigo Estero Jr., Quezon City	Fausto Advincula Jr., Parañaque City
Aircon	Carlos Bolalin Jr., Makati City	Hilton Gonzales, Bulacan	Michael Remon, Quezon City
	Jovan Senador, Marikina City	Marcelo Fronda, Bulacan	Rolito Gutierrez, Caloocan City
₱5,000 Sodexho GCs	James Abesamis, Antipolo City	Joseph Balberan, Pangasinan	Armando Cosico, Laguna
	Jerome Manalac, Antipolo City	Miguela Borja, Bulacan	Windel Lat, Batangas

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A computer in every home–Joey de V

Call center pioneer

Cheap laptops

Part of education

UN economist Bani Aguirre; 67

BF Homes Parañaque parish marks 37th fiesta

US fugitive nabbed in Aurora

AN AMERICAN wanted in the United States for wire fraud was arrested in Aurora province on Maundy Thursday, the Bureau of Immigration said yesterday.

Robert Mod, 55, was arrested on the strength of a mission order issued by Immigration Commissioner Marcelino Libanan following a request by the US Embassy in Manila.

Immigration agents were assisted by the Aurora and Pangasinan police in the joint operation.

Libanan issued the mission order for the arrest of Mod on the request of the United States Embassy in Manila.

Mod is the subject of a federal warrant of arrest issued by the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida in Miami for conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) earlier provided their Philippine counterparts with information that Mod could be hiding in Maria Aurora, [illegible] City, Pangasinan or nearby provinces.

Follow-up operations made by the BI, FBI and the Philippine National Police pinpointed Mod's location in Sitio [illegible], Barangay [illegible], Baler, Aurora.

Mod is currently detained in the BI's detention center in Taguig while awaiting deportation order by the bureau's board of commissioners.

Defections peril Lakas

'Only natural'

'Underdog' Gibo

'Loose talk'

Committed to Gibo

Capiz LP rift traced

PR guy

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Stars to fall 'like rain' on April 22

The Daily Gospel



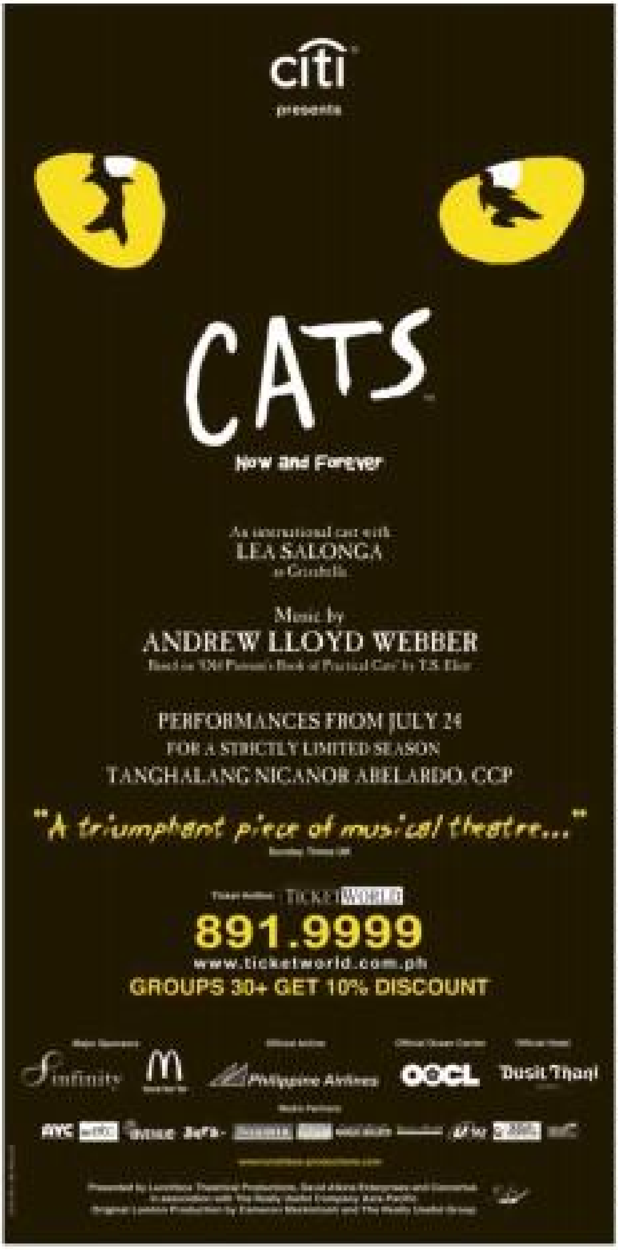
Interactive, modern Way of the Cross

Please vote

Positive feedback

Centuries-old practice

Add-on to one's faith



Bishops see Easter joy as victory over evil

Hope, not despair

Choose wisely

New beginning

Respect people's will

Birthday girl

Bets learn to mention numbers

From page A1

"And let us not forget, No. 13 on the ballot—Enrile," Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile said, wrapping up his speech to one of the Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino's campaign sorties in Batangas.

He simply wanted to stress that on the ballot, his name is listed 13th.

New in politics and also running for the Senate, information technology businessman Jose "Joey" de Venecia III is learning from the veterans.

Speaking after Enrile, De Venecia wound up his speech by stressing that he is "No. 13" on the ballot. *Norman Bordadora*

Dancing girls

Sen. Richard Gordon seemed impervious to the charms of several girls wearing colorful skimpy shorts who gave a dance number in the proclamation rally of his local candidates in Hilongos, Leyte.

When they approached him to get him to dance with them on the stage, the senator just laughed and declined.

But the girls' charms worked on others. The local campaign coordinators got the girls a room in a private resort, while Gordon's Manila-based photographer and a videographer were forced to spend the night in a motel several kilometers away.

In the morning, the girls got on a new Isuzu Trooper that carried them in a convoy with Gordon's party to nearby towns. In contrast, the photographer and the videographer had to ride in an old van whose airconditioning unit even bogged down.

The old van was later left behind by the speeding convoy. Worse, it got lost along the way.

Gordon started his speech at a gathering of local leaders in Albuera, Leyte—without his official photographer and videographer. *Edson C. Tandoc Jr.*

Daredevil drivers

Faced with tight schedules in his provincial campaigns, Gordon has gotten used to daredevil drivers.

Forced by heavy rains to abandon the use of a private plane in going around Samar and Leyte, he switched to a commercial plane so he could get out of Tacloban City. Takeoff was at 5:45 p.m. and he was running late despite having had to scrap many of his meetings.

He barely had an hour left to reach the airport but he was still more than 120 kilometers away. Unfazed and smoking at probably an average speed of 120 km per hour, his convoy whizzed along narrow town streets crowded with motorcycles, tricycles and pedestrians.

Gordon reached the airport more than 20 minutes before takeoff. Luckily, the flight had been delayed. Three other passengers arrived even much later than Gordon and his staff. *Edson C. Tandoc Jr.*

Colonial mentality

Independent presidential candidate Nicanor Perlas may be trailing in the surveys but, as his team has found, he has his own strengths.

Like having a boyish face and rosy cheeks, for instance.

"Ninky, some UP (University of the Philippines) students now choose you over Gibo (Teodoro)," his media handler, Cecille Bonus, told him one recent Friday morning. She added: "Because of looks daw."

"They said they didn't know you were so handsome!" Bonus went on excitedly, speaking in Filipino. "They said you don't look 60 years old."

Perlas, who turned 60 in January, had a good laugh.

In another sortie, a San Antonio Village housewife, after shaking hands with him, blurted out: "Parang Kano (He looks like an American)."

Laughing, Perlas quipped: "Even in that aspect, we have colonial mentality."

In an interview, Perlas said the positive reaction to his looks, especially among the Class D-E crowds, has prompted his staff to blow up his photos in tarpaulins and to other giveaways, like leaflets and pocket calendars.

Perlas said his camp has discovered that people from the poorest communities do judge the candidates based on their looks. He said this was not necessarily a less valid method of evaluating candidates.

He cited the concepts of "nindot" and "kursunada," saying some people were attracted to the former have an intuitive sense about someone's character based on how he looks and acts on what he says.

Which is another way of saying it's OK to vote for a candidate who looks good and trustworthy.

When the Inquirer pointed out that this was likely the same kind of voters who elected Joseph Estrada to the presidency, Perlas said a significant segment of the lower classes benefited from Estrada's programs and did not vote for him just because of his looks.

Perlas said one candidate, whose identity he kept off the record, did "not look trustworthy at all."

"(Except (the candidate) had Botox injections so (the candidate) would have a permanent smile," he said with a laugh.

Perlas is supported by "Nanay," respectful and friendly supporters from his wife Kathryn (Ingrami). They have a 20-year-old son who is studying business management student at De La Salle University. *Jil Esguerra*



LAKAS-KAMPI-CMD Presidential candidate Gilbert Teodoro speaks during a campaign sortie held in Plaza Independencia, Lipa City in Batangas. The stage was festooned with banners of Teodoro and vice presidential candidate Loren Legarda, presidential candidate Manny Villar's running mate.

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Keeping the faith

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The bar results considered

SEPARATE OPINION



Isagani A. Cruz

Redeemed

MOMENTS



Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

Amazing men of medicine

WITH DUE RESPECT

Artemio V. Panganiban



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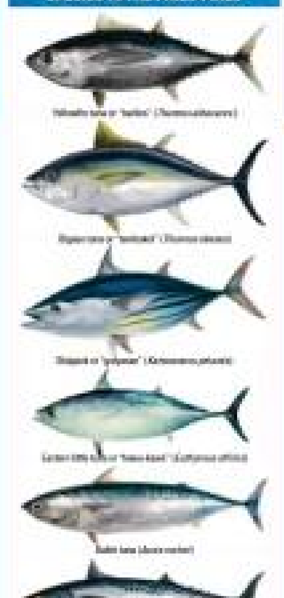
TALK of the TOWN

Ban on tuna fishing in the Pacific: Boon or bane?



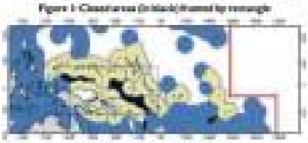


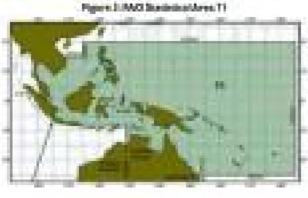
COMMERCIALLY IMPORTANT SPECIES IN THE PHILIPPINES



Fish without country

Production





RP top harvester

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Local studies

Impact of ban

Options

Long-term outlook

It's also time for shamans to recharge

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Amen is but one of the many "mananambal" (shamans, folk healers or ...) who make the yearly pilgrimage to the island.

Siquijor, ... is equally known for its medicine men who, while lacking in credentials, have many grateful clients ...

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Complementary

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"I've been to a doctor," according to Amen Ponce, a popular folk healer from San Juan.

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For every skeptic

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Hanky and strings

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FOLK healers spend Holy Saturday in Siquijor cutting roots of rare plants to make a panacea to last the entire year.

The stick

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Healer, geomancer

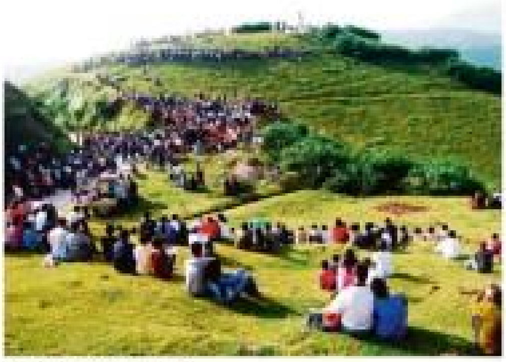
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Love potions

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Across the NATION

More soldiers sent to east Pangasinan



MOUNT CALVARY IN BATANES

Basco residents and visitors turned the Basco Lighthouse Hill into a Mount Calvary for Good Friday's Station of the Cross.

DAGUPAN CITY—DESPITE STRONG OPPOSITION FROM LOCAL officials and residents, another contingent of Army soldiers was sent to the eastern Pangasinan town of Natividad on Good Friday.

900 Samar employees push for incentive pay

By Joey Gabieta

Inquirer Visayas

Bird from Europe finds home in Candaba swamp

By Tonette Orejas

Inquirer Central Luzon



A BEAN GOOSE

Monitoring

Abra, Kalinga under PNP watch for poll violence



HOLY WEEK BREAK

Holy Book now in Pangasinan tongue

Town braces for 'Big Bang of Easter'

INQUIRER Mindanao

Party-list nominee is an Ampatuan

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Davao City

BEFORE DATU ANDAL AMPATUAN Sr. was placed in military custody in connection with the Maguindanao massacre in December last year, his nephew, Energy Undersecretary Zamzamin Ampatuan, sought his blessing and permission to campaign in the province.



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo meets Energy Undersecretary Zamzamin Ampatuan, then National Anti-Poverty Commission secretary, in Malacañang. Ampatuan is the founder and first nominee of the Adam party-list group.

The Adam party-list group was founded by Zamzamin Ampatuan purportedly to protect indigenous culture, which is "under threat from Islamic extremists"

Power play to ensure polls

By Judy Quiros and Jeffrey M. Tupas
Davao City

THE STATE-RUN NATIONAL Power Corp. has crafted plans to ensure that power outages will not occur during the elections.

"OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SHOULD improve the knowledge and skills of our workers, that the labor export policy should be phased out as the economy attains the capacity to absorb the growing labor force."
DANNY LIM, February 2010

GLOBAL Pinoy

Editor Gerry Lirio

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

Her Easter began in disabled-friendly US

By [illegible]
Contributor

NEW JERSEY—ON SEPT. 16, 1966, A BABY girl was born into the Alberto and Miriam Guerrero household in Santolan, Pasig. She was named Luwalhati (meaning, glory) by her God-fearing parents. The younger members of their big clan, however, preferred to call her by a cool-sounding English (or French?) monicker, Monette.

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Love, don't pity

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Was world ready?

[illegible]

Holy Week, 1997

[illegible]

'Magic'

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Deaf since birth, Filipino woman finds her 'knight' in the US where the handicapped are not taunted, discriminated against, looked down upon

Q & A at US Embassy

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Paradise for the disabled

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Looking for a knight

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Mutual connection

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Match made in heaven

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No words needed

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Sacrifice leads to new beginnings

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Lourdes Santos Tancinco

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Extreme hardship

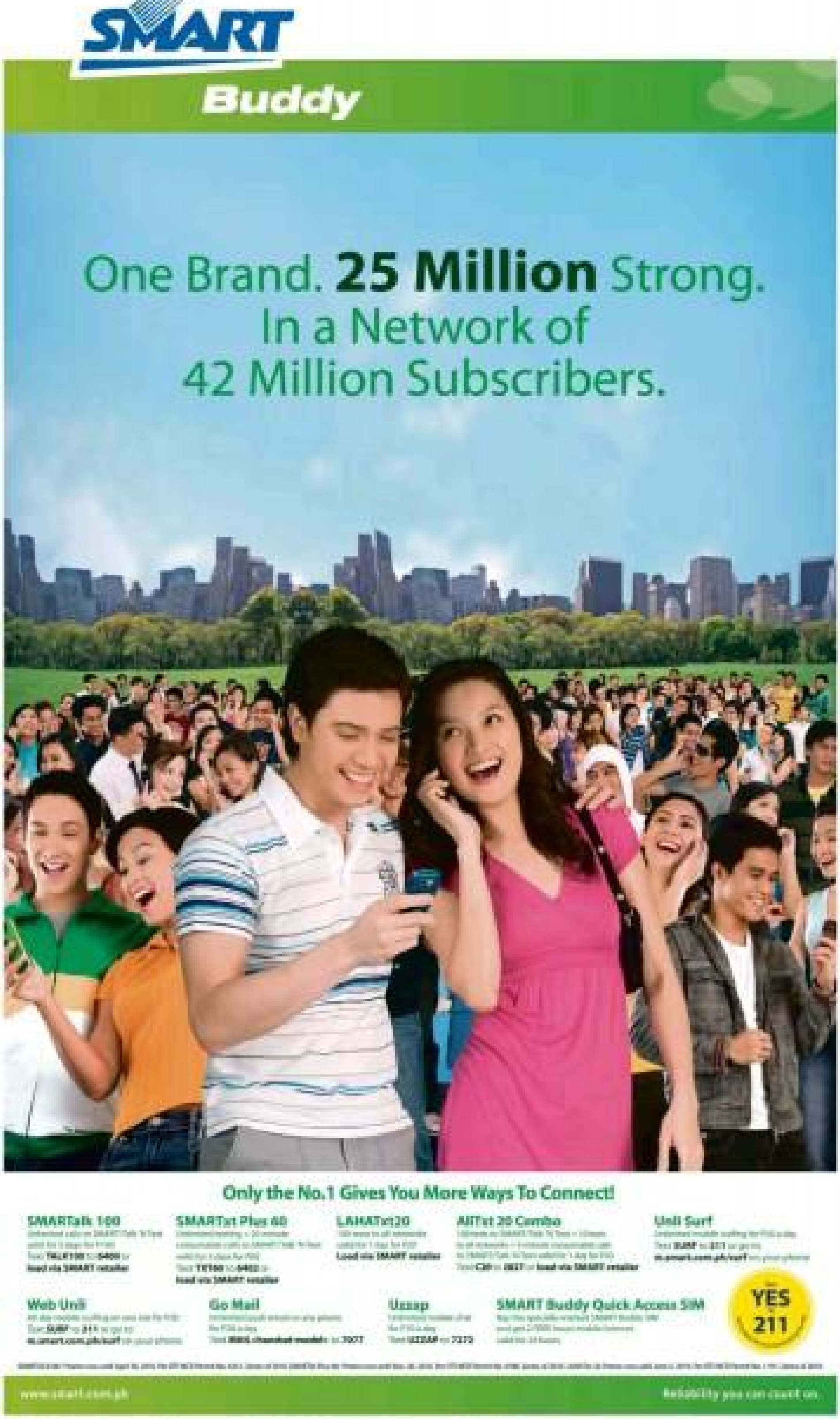
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For the sake of love

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Live with hope

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Aplus METRO
Editor: Abelardo S. Ulanday



ESCUELA TALLER

Youths restore historical sites

By Margaux C. Ortiz

A YEAR AGO, YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FROM AN urban poor community in Manila joined a program aimed at helping out-of-school youths realize their hidden potential in skilled labor and workmanship.

Through Escuela Taller, a partnership between the National Commission of Culture and the Arts and the Spanish government, participants are taught to hone their workmanship skills by restoring historical sites in Metro Manila.

"The students are now restoring one section of a wall near the Rizal Shrine in Fort Santiago," [illegible] Michael F. Manalo, executive director of Escuela Taller, said by phone.

Manalo said the students, with ages ranging from 17 to 25, had initially grappled with the idea of restoration when they first learned of the program. Living in Baseco, a depressed community in Tondo, the concept of restoration was "as foreign to them as having a nice house of their own," he said.

The concept of Escuela Taller took off in Spain in the early 1990s after the Spanish government recognized the growing problem of out-of-school youths who had to be reintegrated into the mainstream.

"At the same time, there were many old buildings in Spain and people did not know how take care of these structures," Manalo said.

The Spanish government saw the potential in their own out-of-school youths who could be taught to restore the buildings, particularly historical monuments. This led to the

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UNIQUE program provides out-of-school youths a chance to hone their skills by working on old heritage buildings in Intramuros.

Youths . . .

Attendance

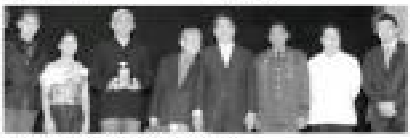


Preparation

Land row eyed in slay of Binay supporter

In the dark

Garrison



AWARD FOR YOUTH COMMUNICATORS

Lie detector tests ordered for wife, escorts of escapee

By Tina G. Santos

Ahead of schedule

Subpoena

MetroBriefs

Security for rallies

Smoke, but no fire



Making Heroes in an Adverse World

Wearing worn-out shoes and school uniform handed down to him by his brother, the hapless 13-year old dragged his heavy feet to school. He had been dreading school days because of the bullies who would mock him and beat him up just because he was poor and fired. He wanted to get back at them, but how?

That bullied teen was Efren "Kuya Ef" Peñaflorida, Jr. – 2009 CNN Hero of the Year, and now the new spokesperson of Talk 'N Text and Tipid-Sulit Pinoy! Today, he is leading a movement toward positive change by making heroes out of impoverished children.







Changing One Heart At A Time

Diskarteng Tipid-Sulit

"IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE. WHAT MATTERS IS HOW YOU USE WHAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR CAPACITY TO HELP. IT IS SO MUCH EASIER TO BE CREATIVE AND THINK OF MANY WAYS TO MAKE IT WORK IF YOU FOLLOW YOUR HEART."



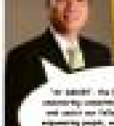


A Modest Hero Of Heroes

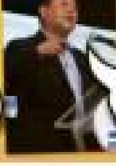


Talk 'N Text Tipid-Sulit Idol Search For New Breed Of Heroes

Now on its second year, the Talk 'N Text Tipid-Sulit Idol Search continues to encourage Filipinos to rise above difficulties using their diskarteng Tipid-Sulit principle: Hardwork, Ingenuity, and Perseverance. This year, there will be two categories: (one) search for five individuals and (two) search for five communities who exemplify the Tipid-Sulit characteristics.



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MAY KILALA KA BANG TIPID-SULIT IDOL? I-

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The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence B. Quezon

New criticism of Pope clouds Easter

VATICAN CITY—POPE Benedict XVI faced new criticism on Saturday after his preacher likened to anti-Semitism the attacks on the Catholic Church over the pedophile priest furor, further marring Easter celebrations.





CHILDREN join a Good Friday procession in the Maltese island of Gozo. Pope Benedict XVI will be visiting the Mediterranean island in the middle of the month.

AP

Red Shirts try to oust Thai premier in their 4th weekend demonstration



PROTESTERS swarm around a Porsche car, angrily smashing its windows after its driver rammed through a line of motorcycles the demonstrators had parked.

AP

Boycott threat roils key Sudan elections



STRONGMAN Omar al-Bashir hopes the April 11 vote will boost his legitimacy.

AP

WorldBriefs

Moscow bomber was 17-year-old widow

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Divers enter mine where 153 are trapped

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Special North Korea train arrives in China

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Poland marks death of Pope John Paul II

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Men in Iraqi army uniforms kill 25 Sunnis

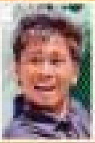
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Russia offers Chavez nuclear help

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Cops look into teen's death after exorcism

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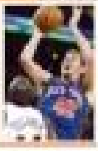


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Tigers stake clean slate vs Kings



Patrombon gains singles, doubles semis in Japan



Canlubang fields crack Interclub 4-man team



ROSALES

Kim grabs Nabisco lead; J-Ro makes cut

PBA readies anniversary surprises

Tigers stake clean slate vs Kings

Ex-Bull Armstrong to grace Junior NBA



SPORTSWATCH

Knockout challenge on



Scribes divided on Pretty Boy, Sugar Shane

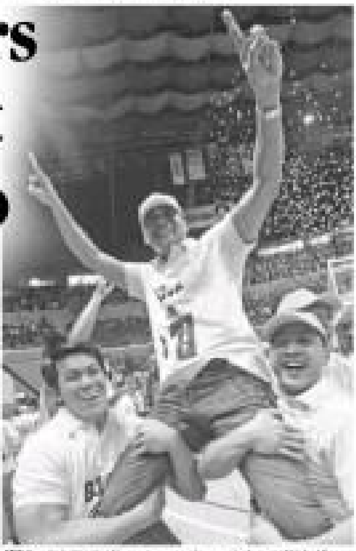
IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

Ex-MVP boosts Adamson's V-League stock

Great players can be great coaches, too



"Superstars tend to be perfectionists. And that's not always a good trait if you're a coach."



CONE





BLACK



GUIAO

Roddick rolls dice, brings down Nadal



RODDICK

Hopkins-Jones rematch on

Carcel scores KF3 triumph

Sunday SPORTS

Manu hexes Magic; Cavs log 60th win



Kobe signs new 3-year deal with LA Lakers



Boxing renewal appears for real, alleluia!

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad



Hopkins-Jones rematch on

Business Features Editor: Margie Quimpo-Espino

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Seair nears 3-M passenger mark as it turns 15





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Strong will keeps coco midrib products maker afloat





IT TAKES her just 15 minutes to make a single basket, says Leonora.

Low demand

Sweet success of 'binallay'

It is a belief that the rice cake represents the body of Christ

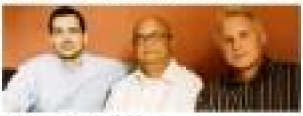






Meralco extends helping hand

Seair nears 3-M passenger milestone ...



No smooth sailing

Boracay still strong



Great expectations

A Leader's Way

John C. Maxwell



Strawberry fields forever

By Delmar Cariño



LA TRINIDAD celebrates its most famous produce by holding the month-long Strawberry Festival.

Price doubles

Once 'The Swamp'



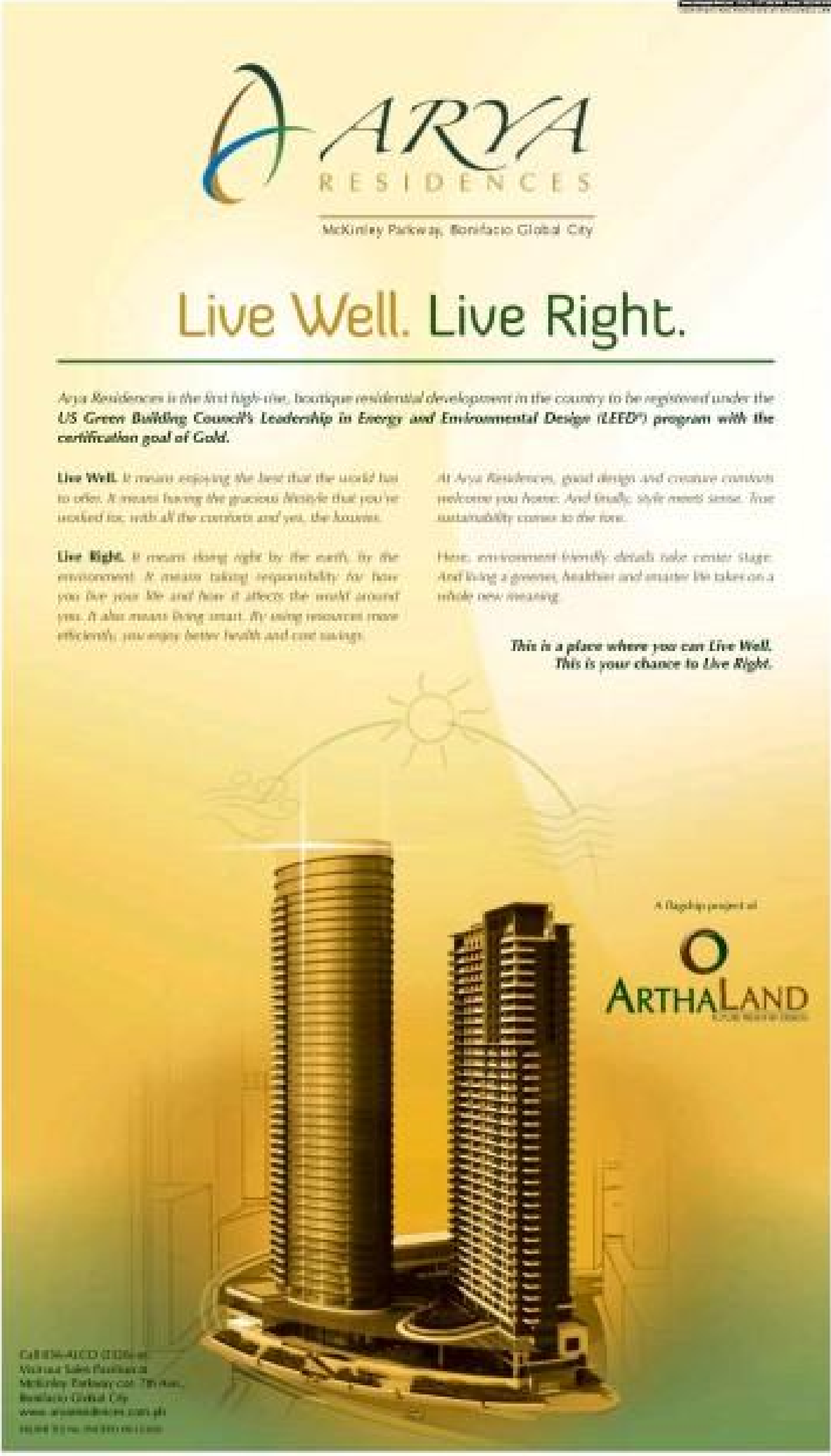
STRAWBERRY fields in La Trinidad, Benguet, once again bring in a bountiful harvest due to good weather

La Trinidad's strawberry production was recognized as a top OTOP industry

Otop success



BDO gives medical equipment


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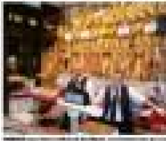
Gran Via is a great introduction to Spain and to a city fast becoming the foremost European metropolis



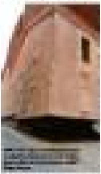




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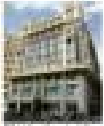




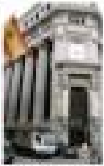


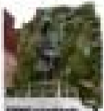














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Baguio Manor's summer package

Emirates' Airbus to Saudi Arabia

Asiana code-shares Busan flights

Dinner by the bay

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Celebrating a mother's 100th birthday

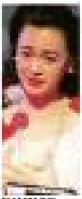


SILVINA del Carmen Laya



FORMER CENTRAL bank governor and Education secretary Jaime Laya and his family honored their mother, Silvina Laya, on her 100th birthday, with a staged reading of excerpts from the play "Sa Sariling Lupa."









FRANCES Makil-Ignacio SHAMAINE Buencamino (Virginia Fe) RON Capinding (Marcio Romero) TONY Mabesa (Don Vicente)



JAIME C. LAYA





Easter Safari Celebration at the
SM MALL OF ASIA
CAMP SAFARI
MALL OF ASIA





EASTER SAFARI CELEBRATION

April 4, 2010 | Music Hall | 1 to 5 PM

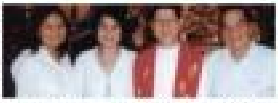
Get ready to explore the biggest Easter adventure ever!



EXCITING ACTIVITIES AT CAMP SAFARI

April 4, 2010 | Music Hall | 1 to 5 PM

Archdiocese of Tuguegarao celebrates its 100th year



Purely Personal

Josephine Darang



Jubilee churches

Schedule of activities

Jubilee doors

Sponsors

Guadalupe pilgrimage

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'Anything consumers can imagine, we can make possible'



With the new Xperia X10, smart phones got even smarter

By Anna A. Jardiano

SONY ERICSSON recently launched what promises to be one of today's most intelligent phones, the Xperia X10. Backed by a powerful hardware and a host of software enhancements, the X10 can change the way smart phones work.



PETER Ang, VP-marketing, and (below) HIROKAZU Ishizuka, corporate vice president



Face recognition



THE WONDER GIRLS, the new ambassadors of Sony Ericsson, performed their hit song "Nobody" during the launch.





Supermarket runs unique summer raffles



LENOVO Ideapad laptop



SONY Cyber-shot digital camera



2010 Kia Carens CRDI EX A/T

Laundry made light



SAMSUNG 7.5-kg front-load washer

Sunday Crossword

PREMIER CROSSWORD / By Frank A. Longo

Egg-decorating contest



Carrot hunt

Fantasia

Buffet brunch

Bunny games

'Eggciting' Easter

San Miguel's malt beer wins Monde gold medal

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD



ANVAYA COVE

Back to a place and time we were one with nature









Of pawikan and giant clams



'Anything consumers can imagine, we can make possible'

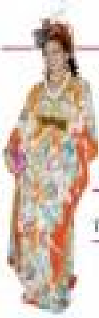




Mini versions



Sunday LifeStyle

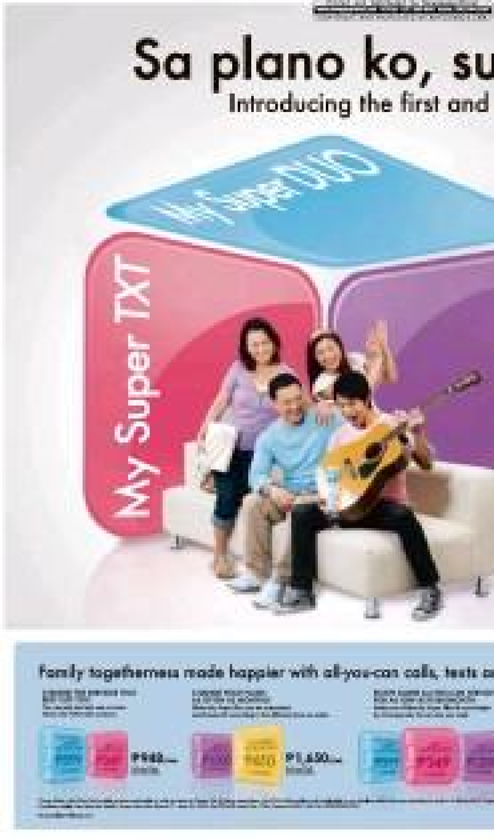


My day of desserts, chocolates and uncontrollable shopping

TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes







Sa plano ko, su
Introducing the first and
My Super TXT
Family togetherness made happier with all-you-can calls, texts a


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SHIMMERING Acacia Resort in Anilao, Batangas


LONGTIME diving buddies Rosan Cruz, Bea Princesa, Gigi Santos and Teresa Herrera


DIVING [illegible] Gigi Santos, [illegible] Chua [illegible]

My day of desserts, chocolates . . .

From page F1


CUTE Bandie Prieto with mom, Inquirer Beauty columnist Ria Prieto


PREVIEW'S Ageo Bengzon with adorable son


CHICCO model Cole Mailley with proud mom Camille


GIORDI model Zoe Labrague with happy mom Ket


BEST walk on the ramp: Enzo de Leon with mom Vicki


SWEET girl Alexa Kaufman with mom Mai

What a great way to welcome summer. The kids not only got to show off Pinoy's top kiddie brands, they also got free goodies from Krispy Kreme and Yes, Hi, Chuckie, Yamaha School of Music and Jolly Belly. There is another show at Edsa Shangri-La Mall on April 18, so if you are looking for something fashionable for your kids this summer, check out the show.

Of course, if you're watching the show, you will need to shop for a camera first. There's a new gizmo out that the techies are rushing to get. The new G2WP camera from GE is the camera for the sandy active—it is waterproof up to 10 feet.

The G2WP literally takes pictures to new depths, making it perfect for pool parties or that weekend at the beach. It has a massive 12.2 megapixels of resolution, 3x optical zoom and a 2.7-inch LCD screen, which means the GE camera is just as good on dry land as in water. Check out www.gedigitalcameras.com for details. Better still, from now until May 31, every purchase comes with free Speedo Goggles—the better to see underwater.

As I had already filled the shopping [illegible], I decided to get a G2WP. It's always a thrill to test an electronic gadget by immersing it in water without some kind of protective housing. I was almost tempted to read the warranty. But [illegible] the pool I went with my trusty G2WP.

It really works and is so easy to use. The GE Digicam is available in SM Department Stores, Anson, Robinsons, Western Appliances and other camera dealers, in case you're in shopping mode like me.

The perfect place to test your G2WP camera is at Manila Ocean Park, with its newest water theme park Acquatica. The new addition is a blend of [illegible] and [illegible], multi-sensory attraction. Acquatica's vision is to be the most integrated ocean destination in the country, and it is amazing to watch Manila Ocean Park blossom as it reaches for this vision.

For the first time in Manila, Acquatica presents a spellbinding show with a live cast backed by dramatic multimedia effects entitled "Maiden of the Sea." It really is a must-see attraction, one of the few in Southeast Asia that offers a fun experience and, more importantly, lessons in ocean conservation.


UNDERWATER family photo of Annika and Bruce Valdez with dad Dennis diving in Anilao

Acquatica's well-choreographed presentation is mesmerizing. "Maiden of the Sea" is a blend of special technology and artful dance. It includes water, lights and pyrotechnics, with captivating music and brilliant stage performances. While the show's multimedia effects require first-rate imported technology, the original musical score, stage play and performers are all proudly Filipino.

Prepare to get wet though and be enthralled by the nightly thrilling show. If you don't want to get wet, sit in the back rows to better enjoy the water jets and brilliant lasers in their full spectrum. Rain gear is provided to present a more soaking experience. For more details, log on to www.manilaoceanpark.com.

Over the years, Manila Ocean Park's marine creatures have multiplied. They now have more sharks and stingrays than last year. My kids are enjoying the park more. My eldest girl, Annika, just got her scuba card. [illegible] diving instructor Gigi Santos and can now better appreciate the park's conservation message.

For Annika's scuba checkout, we checked into a cozy resort called Acacia (www.acaciadive.com). The owner, Oliver Ang, created a good bond with guests, diving amenities and a wonderful swimming pool under a sprawling acacia tree. To capture the memories, I used my new digital gizmo, the G2WP in the beach and, naturally, underwater as well.

Also new this summer, Crabs Footwear recently opened at Trinoma Mall. Crabs is a lifestyle product from the UK and is perfect for outdoor life. Crabs is great for strolling in board sports and street fashion.

The launch, Crabs Live! [illegible], was a night of urban expression in music, movement and magic. It featured on-the-spot exhibitions by graffiti artist Egg Fiasco and T-shirt designs by creative group [illegible], as well as the Urban [illegible] art exhibit by photographer and avid long boarder Jonathan Riser. Street magician Conrad [illegible], street dancers and [illegible] made the night even more festive.

The featured mini-concert was a celebration of different musical genres from electronica to funk and rock. Bands who rocked the stage with their unique brand of music included [illegible] Romantics, Ambulance and Franco, along with other Crabs bands such as The Out of Body Special and Angulo. Aside from Trinoma, Crabs Footwear will soon open its second boutique at Newport City Mall. For more information, visit www.crabs.com.

Happy Easter everyone! I hope your Lenten sacrifices have resulted in new beginnings for you as well.

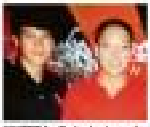
E-mail the author at [illegible]@inquirer.com.ph


ACACIA Resort owner Oliver Ang


BUTTERFLY [illegible] with happy family [illegible]


MANILA Ocean Park and Hotel H2O [illegible] with [illegible] Japan


ACTIVE Mom [illegible] Philippine Surfing Academy's Lorraine Lopez and Paolo Soler with model-TV host Rovilson Fernandez (center)


UNITED for Crabs: In-demand actor Enchong Dee and Crabs's Gilbert Chu

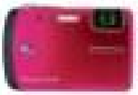

ROCK AFICIONADOS: [illegible]


CHARMING Crabs duo [illegible]


MEN of the Crabs [illegible]


PREVIEW editor Pauline Juan Jose with her handsome boys Miel, Teopo and Elko


AMAZING "Maiden of the Sea" show at Acquatica, Manila Ocean Park


NEW waterproof digital camera GE G2WP


STYLISH [illegible] Hotel H2O at Manila Ocean Park

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Sunday LifeStyle Relationships

When my death seems a heartbeat away



By Margie David Collins

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRAcles? I don't mean parting of the seas, water into wine, life snatched from the jaws of death. Just a small miracle, the kind you can persuade your jaded soul to hold on to.

[illegible]

I haggled with God

[illegible]

When my death seems a heartbeat away

Heart attack?

Shock

EASTER STORY

Longing that our Sunday afternoon could last forever

When Dad was diagnosed with colon cancer, we tried to put up a brave front



Milestones



ASUNCION-MONTEBON



ANDAL-METRILLO



ALBERTO-ARCILLA

What I have learned in my 40s

ROOTS AND WINGS



Cathy Babao Guballa

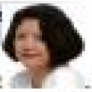
Career high

One day at a time

Candid talk

Should she break off her relationship with a lesbian?

EMILY'S POST



Emily

Aren't you both adults now? Good or bad, it is your fate and nobody else's

Television gets smarter via wireless internet



With its SurfTV kit, Smart Bro has combined its wireless broadband service with a device that plugs into your TV just like a DVD player, voila, instant internet access–all without a computer. Surfing, emailing and chatting can now be done in the same area where families usually hang out together.











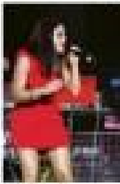
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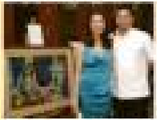






Art auction raises funds for



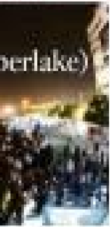


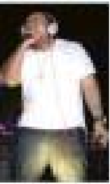












High-end benefits for cardholders

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Teen formation service group marks 20th year

THE FOUNDATION FOR Adolescent Development (FAD), Inc. marked its 20th anniversary with theater presentations at Teatrino in the Greenhills Promenade last Feb. 24 and March 6.

Comedian Jon Santos presented a two-and-half-minute video clip which featured the highlights of FAD's 20 years of service in teen value formation.

FAD is the pioneer behind Dial-A-Friend (1991), the first telephone hotline counseling for the youth, and E-Mail-A-Friend, another teen counseling service.

Teen Headquarters (THQ), a social franchising model, in partnership with local government units, nongovernment organizations and academe, is a one-stop youth center offering information, education, counseling and medical services.

There are 23 THQs across the Philippines—in Quezon City, Marikina, Valenzuela, Dasmariñas, Cavite, Tarlac, Baguio City, Sagada in Mt. Province, Carmen, Talibon and Ubay in Bohol, Jasaan, Opol and Tagoloan in Misamis Oriental.

FAD is also a major resource center working in tandem with international organizations and local NGOs in the training those involved in promoting adolescent health, sexuality and development.

In the spoof, "Buhay, Ghaling, Synergy at Tyranny: Election is Nearing," Jon Santos cleverly mixed political wit and lessons on value education, especially for the youth.

The two benefit nights were presented by Pioneer Insurance and Surety Corporation and Security Bank Corporation.

Sponsors were Rustan's Department Store, Aboitiz Specialty Inc., Belo Medical Group, Dimensions Philippines Corporation, and Smart Communications, Inc.



HENRY Colayog and David Fabile



AL MAFORAN GO and sister Roxy Zalameo



FAD president Tessa Sierra, Marc Abad and Gino Batiso



FAD'S BOARD: Karen Santos, Lizette Cojuangco, Tessa Sierra, Rica Siloyan Go and Rosie Go



EDDIE and Marl Tamayo Pineda with Phillip and Indag Bautista Mallari

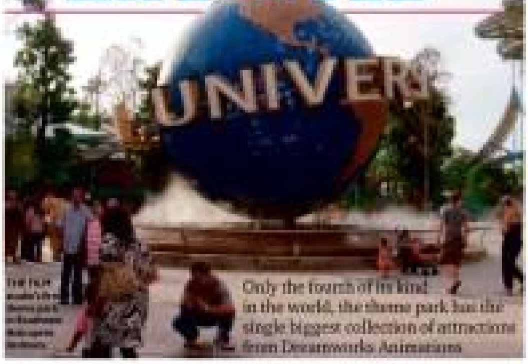


FRAN Lyn Rubio, Johnny Manahan and company



CARMELA Orquiola, and Francis, Ramesh and Harry Go

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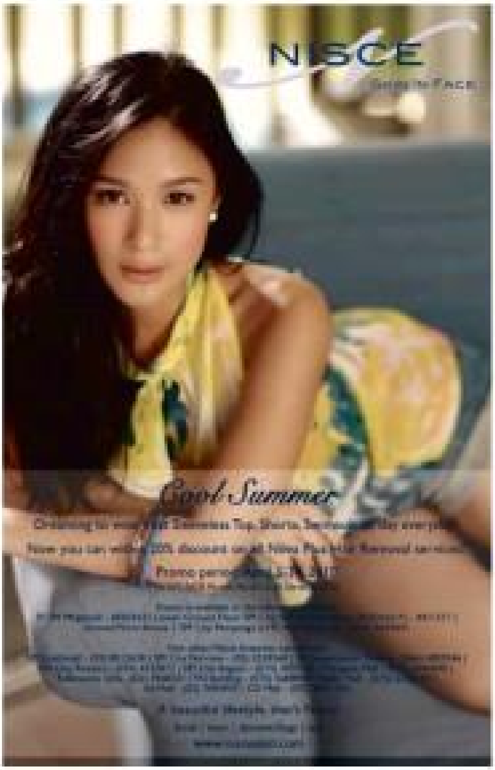


Only the fourth of its kind in the world, the theme park has the single biggest collection of attractions from Dreamworks Animations

Get ready for the ride of your life at Universal Studios Singapore

THERE WAS A CHORUS OF dismayed sighs inside the car when our guide said Universal Studios Singapore had just announced the Battlestar Galactica roller coasters were undergoing technical adjustments and therefore wouldn't be available on our scheduled trip there the next day.













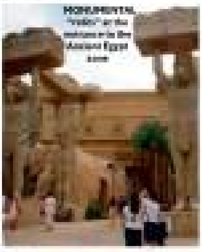
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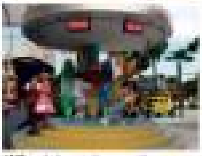


Seven zones





4D cinema



First integrated resort

Main come-on





NUMBER POWER

Life-sized digits 4-4-3-8 are spotted showing support at the People Power monument along Edsa. As pre-election excitement sweeps the nation, conspiracy theorists speculate about a surprise text message on April 4, originating from these very numbers, sent by leading telco Globe to all 25 million Globe, TM and Tattoo mobile users

Macau opens state-of-the-art science center





APRIL FUN AT THE PODIUM

Kids of all ages will have loads of fun at The Podium this April! Make it your family's destination for an Easter celebration and lots of summer excitement. Here's what we've got lined up for you.

The Gingerbread Man s Easter Escapade

With its roof singles made of gingersnap cookies, gingerbread wafers for walls, sugar icing moldings, and candy cane pillars the Gingerbread House at the Mall's Atrium will surely become an attraction for kids and kids at heart. Decorated with candy shell eggs, flower cookies, caramel sticks, and frosting, it is great for photo-ops and for playing puzzles by the window.

It is also the perfect backdrop for fun Easter Sunday activities like a mall wide Easter Egg Hunt, Face Painting, and Tattoo Stations on April 4. Capping the celebrations is a special musical play The Gingerbread Man's Easter Eggscapade - An Easter Tale performed by the Theater Down South. Showtime is at 3:00 PM.

The Gingerbread Man's Easter Eggscapade takes place during the Annual Easter Egg Hunt N Race where everyone in Confection Cove is excited. This year will [illegible] the egg [illegible] because the glamorous movie star Angel Cake has moved into town and rumor has it that she will be watching the race.

There is one person, though, who isn't so excited. The Gingerbread Man is brooding alone in his house because no one wants to be his partner. He has no fingers, which is considered to be an unfortunate disability, plus with just raisin buttons for eyes and no icing of decoration on him, he is considered plain and dull.

Although she is flattered with her reception, Angel is a bit disappointed, too. She loves hunting and racing, and is eager to participate. However, she finds it difficult to find a partner. The girls find the race hot and messy and don't really want to bother about the race, preferring to leave it to the boys. The boys, who consider racing and hunting their sport, don't take her seriously.

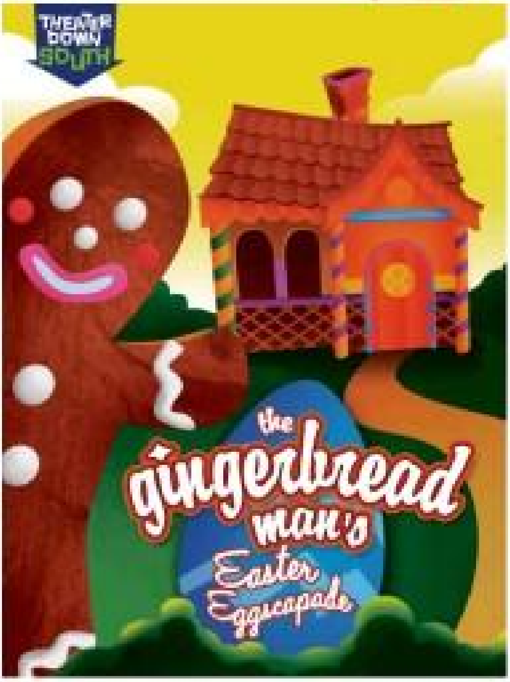
Frustrated, Angel wanders off, and soon discovers that she has lost her ring. As she frantically tries to find it among the flowers and leaves, a voice from behind says, "It's over here!" She turns to find the Gingerbread Man pointing to the exact spot where her ring has fallen.

Angel then discovers that he has the most amazing eyesight, since his eyes are made of the best Grade A raisins. She asks him why he looks so down, and when he tells her, she comes up with a great idea: they can team up for the race! With his sharp eyes and her lovely long fingers, they'll be able to find and grab those Easter eggs before everyone else.

At the Annual Easter Egg Hunt N Race, everyone is aghast when Angel and the Gingerbread Man show up together and are completely flabbergasted when they win the race. Mayor Easter Bunny awards them, commending them for their teamwork, and for remembering an important thing - we must never judge people on the way they look because we've all got something special hidden inside us. And to find it, we must all look in our hearts.

Don't miss the Theater Down South's The Gingerbread Man's Easter Eggscapade - An Easter Tale and more Easter fun at The Podium on Today, April 4 at 3:00 PM.





APRIL EVENTS AT THE PODIUM

Learn something new, develop your talents, and discover an exciting new world with family and friends this summer at The Podium. We've got wonderful workshops, as well as world-class performance that kids of all ages can enjoy for free at the mall's Atrium. See you there!



Tuesday Belly Dancing Workshops

APRIL 6, 20, AND 27
3:00 PM
[illegible]



Thursday Karate Workshops

APRIL 8, 22, AND 29
3:00 PM
[illegible]



Wednesday Arts and Crafts Workshops

APRIL 7, 21, AND 28
3:00 PM
Learn the basics of arts and crafts like painting, and discover the artist in you with workshops by master artist [illegible]



Study Work - A Broad Com Expo 2010

APRIL 12 - 18
Mall Hours
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Libera - Meet and Greet

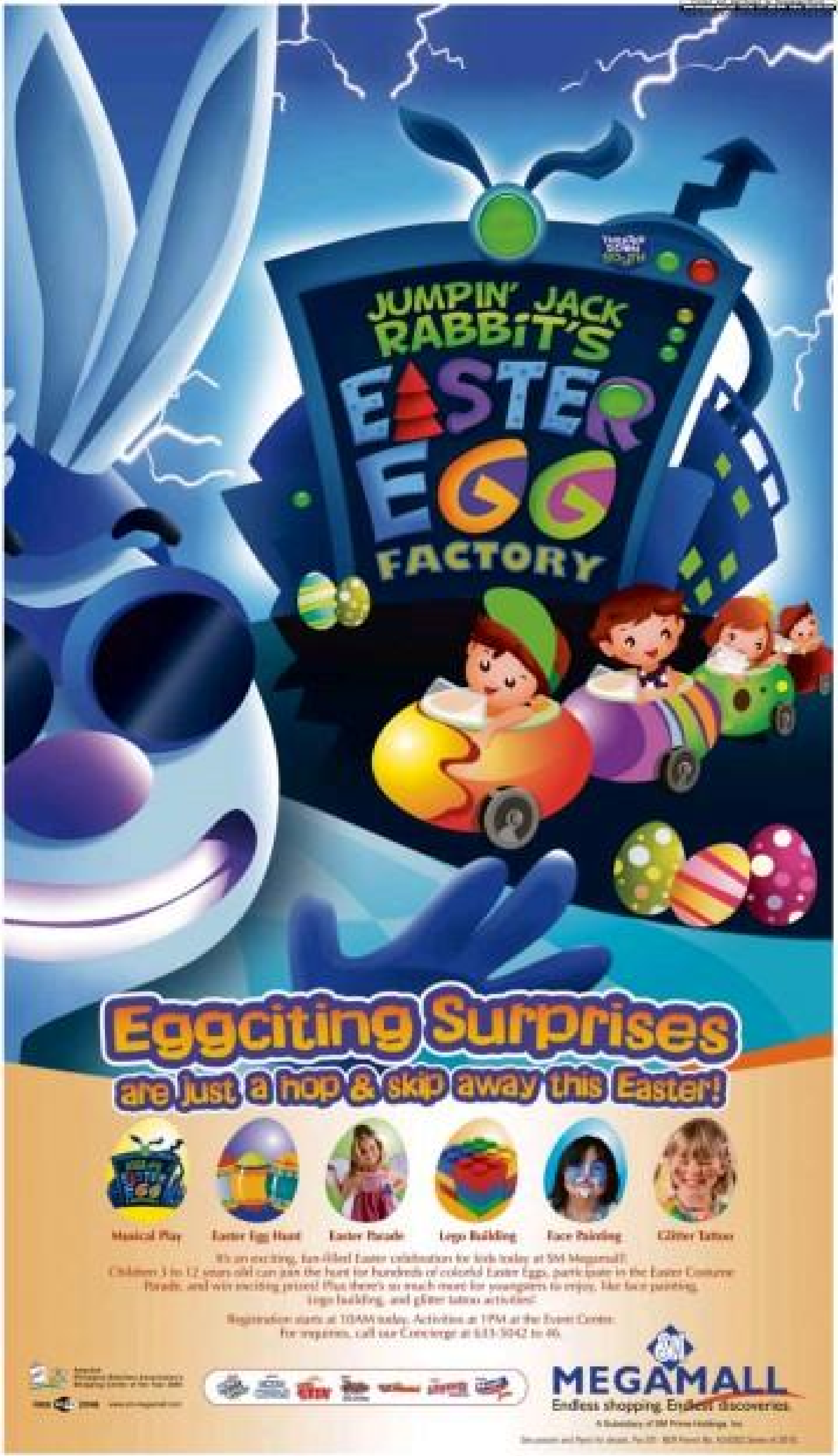
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The Angono Chamber Orchestra with the British School Manila Choir

April 17
4 PM
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JUMPIN' JACK RABBIT'S
EASTER EGG FACTORY
Eggciting Surprises
are just a hop & skip away this Easter!
Musical Play
Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Parade
Lego Building
Face Painting
Glitter Tattoo
It's an exciting, fun-filled Easter celebration for kids today at SM Megamall!
Children 3 to 12 years old can join the hunt for hundreds of colorful Easter Eggs, participate in the Easter Costume Parade, and win exciting prizes! Plus there's so much more for youngsters to enjoy, like face painting, Lego building, and glitter tattoo activities!
Registration starts at 10AM today. Activities at 1PM at the Event Center.
For inquiries, call our Concierge at 633-5042 to 46.
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Amanpulo—heaven on earth

Hollywood royalty hie off to this island, but don't expect to bump into them

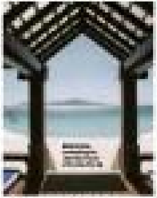
YOU DON'T NEED TO travel far to reach paradise. In fact, paradise is just an hour and five minutes away by plane from Manila. And the best thing is, you don't even need your passport ... here in the Philippines—in Amanpulo.



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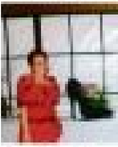






Floral show marks ruby anniv

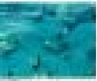


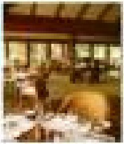




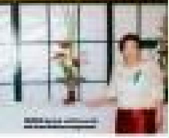


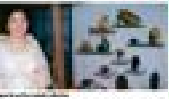


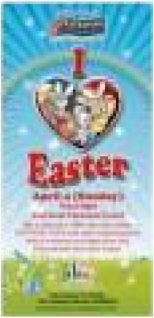











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Life's Easter-rific at SM City North EDSA



Easter is all about celebrations. It's bunnies and goodies, colored eggs and garden hunts. It's about the joy brought about by a season so egg-citing, that each year just simply tops the last.





Easter Celebration Mass at The Block

April 4, 9am

Hear mass at the Block with your family for a blessed way to start the festivities.

Funtastic Easter at the Sky Garden

March 29 - April 8

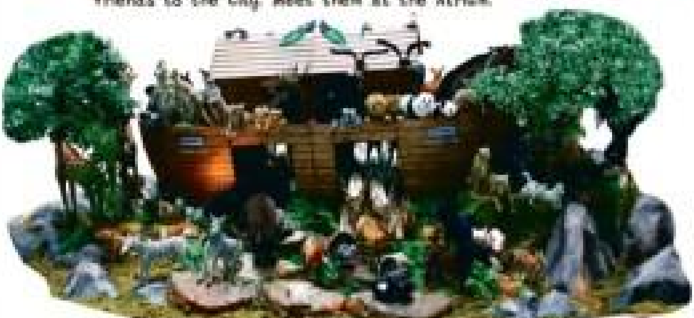


Giant mushrooms and huge eggs await you in the fantastic Easterland. Deal with a large Deck Of Cards that come to life, get to give a Giant Rabbit a hug. Watch as Toy Soldiers come marching past while skillfully playing their instruments. Nothing is impossible in a world made entirely of fantasy and imagination.

Noah's Ark at the Block

March 23 - April 8, The Block Atrium

Experience the wonders of seeing your favorite biblical story come alive as Noah brings his animal friends to the City. Meet them at the Atrium.



Easter Tea Party at the City Center

April 4, 10am, Event Center



Heaps of special treats are reserved for every member of your clan. Surprises abound for the kids and the young at heart. Tons of fun lie ahead for your whole family to experience this Easter at the City Center. Hop on into SM City North EDSA today!

Rabbit Riders Easter Amnesia at the Annex

April 4, 4pm, 4th floor

What happened to all the Easter eggs? All the Rabbit Riders have forgotten to hop, that's what. The mischievous Rat has cast a terrible amnesia spell on all of them, and now Easter egg deliveries have been put on hold! Enter this new adventure to find out if the spell gets undone before Easter.







SM city NORTH EDSA

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Editor: Emmie G. Velarde



RATING THE BOSS: TV5 chief Manny Pangilinan, center, gets passing marks from his stars, including Ariel (R) and Maverick. Page F2

Sex and this other city

LAS VEGAS — Sarah Jessica Parker and her Manhattan gal pals are taking their sexy ways to a new city. "Sex and the City 2," due in theaters May 27, sends Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon on a trip to the Middle East as they visit Abu Dhabi. While the sequel allows Parker's Carrie Bradshaw a chance to spend quality time with her [illegible], it also gives the actresses more opportunity to hang together than they've had before. AP



STEVE Carell on "Date Night" co-star Mark Wahlberg: "He was incredibly funny. I had never [illegible] and I honestly did not know what to expect [illegible] and he brought that to the movie."

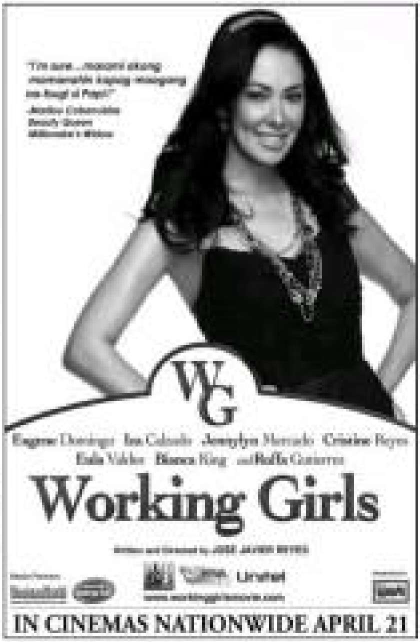
Why kids love the delicious and nutritious new 555 Corned Tuna

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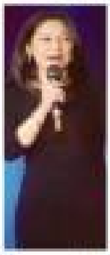
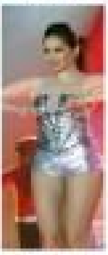

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CLASH OF THE TITANS

TV5 stars— Joey de Leon, Comedy King Dolphy Vic Sotto, Maricel Soriano, Lucy Torres-Gomez— give businessman "MVP" high marks.



PAOLO Bediones (l) and Ryan Agoncillo ... here at the TV5 launch ... see Pangilinan as a "solid" man with the Midas touch.

How stars of the new TV5 see the boss

And why 'MVP' gave artists non-exclusive contracts

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photo by Jim Quiazon

AT THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW TV5 LAST week, comedians Ariel and Maverick hammed it up, [illegible]

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EPY Quizon and Derek Ramsay

Non-exclusive contracts

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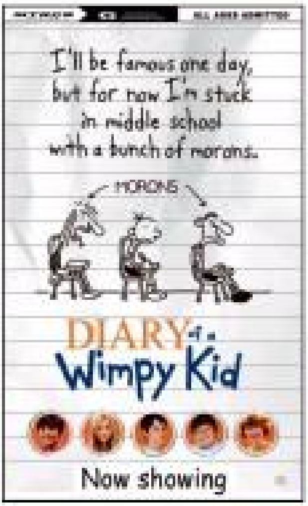


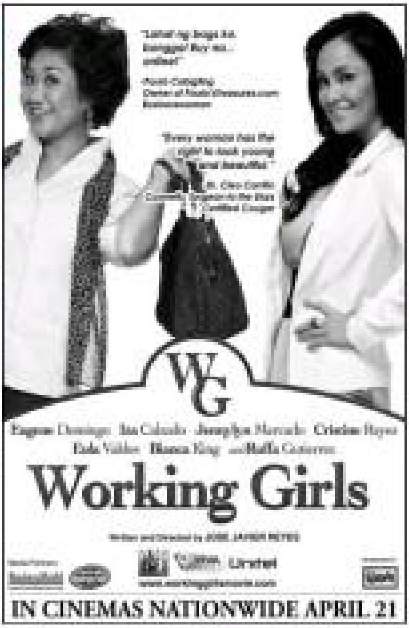
PANGILINAN with talent manager Annabelle Rama

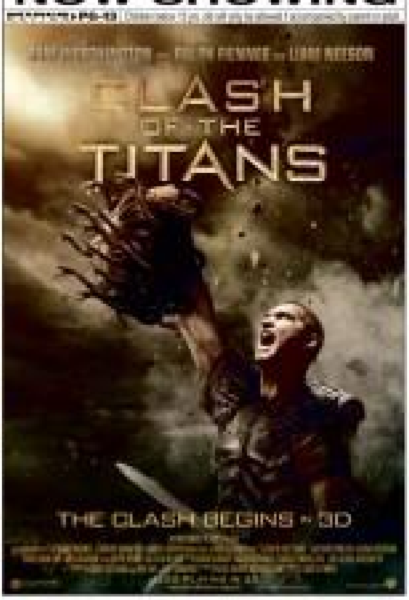
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'A rarity'

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Out of the closet, out of the scene

Afterthought

User-friendly



Rushes Sunday









Reviving the dead

Lonesome Mo

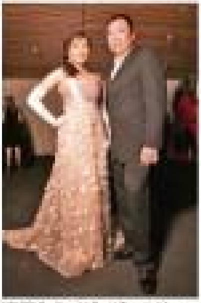
New conquest

Professional help



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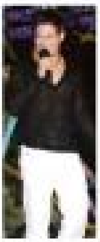






Prime time to daytime is the goal

By Marinel R. Cruz





'It's a dark, cold and lonely world without faith'



ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD
Ruben V. Nepales

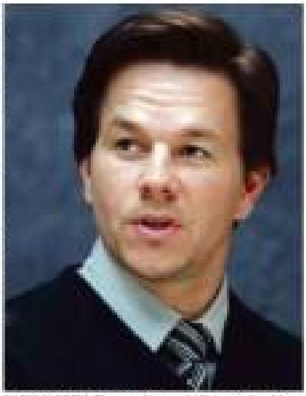
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Crotch-grabber

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Close calls

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On his knees

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> 'A lot of bad things happened to me, and I did a lot of bad things'

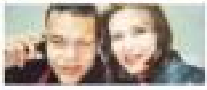
Experience life

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Pacman's friend

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■ Oh, to look into those brown eyes again /L2



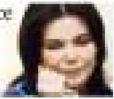
■ De Niro-Barrymore film, Milby-Curtis starrer, plus 4 others Opening Today /L3

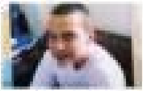
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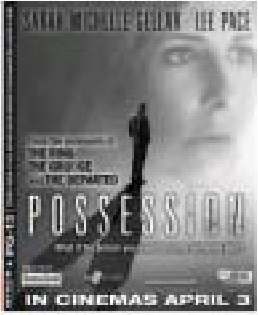


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